

Upcoming Actions regarding Veolia Environmental Services: Public Participation Call

Date: March 27, 2014

Attendees:

Region 5 EPA: Andrea Morgan, Genevieve Damico, and Jane Woolums

Washington University Interdisciplinary Environmental Law Clinic: Liz Hubertz and Ken Miller

IEPA EJ Office: Ken Page, Ray, Chris

Veolia: Doug Harris

Fact Sheet:

-Overall people did not have a chance to review the previous fact sheet prior to this call but thought that the fact sheet sounded as though it had some good information and would be helpful. They think it would be beneficial to provide an updated fact sheet with this action.

-It was suggested that this fact sheet contain more information on the differences between this permit action, and the January 2013 permitting action or the current permit currently.

-The fact that the fact sheet will only be helpful if it is well distributed early in the process was discussed. EPA stated that the fact previously the fact sheet was emailed to our interested parties list, and it was also available at the public hearing. EPA requested help from the groups on the calls to share the fact sheet with more interested parties.

Tours: Veolia has offered to give tours of the facility to any interested parties. They have agreed to let this offer be extended in the public notice along with the Veolia's main phone line and Doug's name.

Newspaper: EPA noted that we previously published the notice in the Belleville News Democrat and the East St Louis Monitor. It was suggested that we also publish in the Post Dispatch. It was also suggested that we continue to do press releases to attempt to get newspapers to pick up the story and so that there is more than just a notice published in the classifieds and explore trying to publish the notice in online newspapers.

Extended Comment Period: It was requested that EPA consider extending the comment period. The community groups would like to see a comment period that is between 45 and 90 days. Veolia agreed that an extended comment period would be helpful.

Early Access of Publicly Available Documents: EPA offered to try to share some documents that are currently publicly available online so that groups could begin reviewing some material in advance of the start of the comment period. These would be documents that are already available and include the renewal application, test results, and the 2013 permit. EPA will verify that none of this contains CBI.